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Lead Testing of Children's Toys and Jewelry at Parkersburg Homecoming

Charleston – Attorney General Darrell McGraw, today announced the third site for free testing of children's toys and jewelry for excessive amounts of lead.

Testing will be conducted at the Parkersburg Homecoming in Parkersburg on Saturday August 18, 2007 from 1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. It will be performed at the West Virginia Attorney General's booth in conjunction with West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources.

Lead is toxic if ingested and its ingestion can cause serious health problems such as reduced mental ability and behavioral problems. Children six years of age and younger are particularly susceptible to the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Lists of toys and jewelry recalled due to lead content may be found at the following websites:

www.wvago.gov

www.wvdhhr.org/rtia/lead.asp

www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prerel.html

McGraw cautions that these lists contain only those items which have already been found to contain lead and other items are "undoubtedly out there." McGraw also stated that his office is exploring more sites and will have more testing dates with Astar Abateman Inc. and the WVDHHR.

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